In Islam The Ruling on Striking Wives and Children

The interpretations of the verse (waḍribūhunna) in the Quran do not imply physical beating but rather mean abandoning or withdrawing from the household, based on the meanings of "striking" in the Quran. The Prophet, who embodied the Quran through his actions, never struck his wives when he was upset with them. If the verse intended physical beating, it would have been obligatory for the Prophet to strike them to fulfill the Quranic command, yet he withdrew from them for a month instead. He said about those who beat their wives: "Those are not the best among you," "Only the worst of you strike," and "Do not strike the female servants of God." The Quran does not command something that would make men wicked according to the Prophet's words. The jurist and successor Ata ibn Abi Rabah said: "He should not strike her, even if he commands or forbids her and she disobeys." Scholars who interpret the verse's "striking" as withdrawal include: Dr. Shawqi Allam, Grand Mufti of Egypt; Dr. Mahmoud Al-Tahhan, Deputy of Fatwa at Egypt's Dar al-Ifta; Dr. Ahmed Al-Sayeh, Professor of Theology at Al-Azhar and member of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs; Sheikh Abdullah Hassan, advisor to the Islamic Sharia Council (ISCR) and founder of Imams Against Domestic Abuse (IADA); Professor Mehmet Okuyan, a Quran exegesis specialist; Sheikh Khaled Al-Gendy, member of Egypt's Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs; Dr. Mohammed Hedaya, Professor of Sharia at Al-Azhar; Sheikh Omar Abdelkafi, Director of the Quranic Studies Center at the Dubai Quran Award; Dr. Abdulhamid AbuSulaiman (Saudi), founder and director of the Islamic University in Malaysia, who wrote a book proving the verse's "striking" means withdrawal; Dr. Amna Nosair, Professor of Theology at Al-Azhar; Dr. Soheila Zain Al-Abidin, daughter of a Mecca imam; Dr. Ashraf Al-Fil; Dr. Ali Al-Salabi; Sheikh Sayed Zayed; Sheikh Khaled Al-Gamal; Sheikh Sofian Saleh; and Professor Tahir ul-Qadri, head of Islamic Legislation Department, in his Quran translation Irfan-ul-Quran. Additionally, the American Quran translation The Sublime Quran supports this view. Studies show that wife-beating is a primary cause of divorce and psychological/mental disorders in wives and children, as well as a major reason for Muslim women turning to atheism. The definitive proof that the verse does not mean physical beating comes from testimonies of those who experienced temporary death, where their souls left their bodies and faced judgment, documented by Western doctors as Near-Death Experiences (NDE). An Islamic program called Life After Life with about 200 episodes features interviews with Muslims who experienced temporary death. The greatest shock for men was their punishment for beating their wives and children. One man who beat his wife and daughters for refusing traditional hijab was told by angels that he had no right to strike them and was rebuked for pressuring them over hijab. He was instructed to either bear it or separate from them and was tortured for striking them. Another saw a husband suffering horrific torment for harming his wife. Authoritarianism, control, and imposing obedience on a wife manifested as terrifying beasts, worse than any horror movie, programmed to torment the husband. A man was judged for striking his daughter, claiming it was gentle, but a terrifying being struck him, scattering his brain as punishment. A wife beat her husband with a fiery mace, casting him into Hell for his excessive control and preventing her from visiting her family. Another man's sister struck him with a fiery mace for beating her, sending him to Hell. A man's bones were crushed, burned, and tortured for striking his wife and sister, with angels declaring he had no right to do so. Another was judged for striking his wife with a prayer bead, told his arm should be amputated for it, despite claiming it was light and symbolic. Angels told a man his diabetes and bodily amputations were due to beating his wife. Another saw a husband endlessly beating himself for striking his wife in life. A man saw a section of Hell reserved for those who harm their wives. .No one saw a woman punished for her husband's displeasure with her